

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for assembling a gasket, said method comprising

fitting a gasket in each of two side faces having a throttle bore extending therebetween, which is

fitting each of the gaskets fitted in a respective fitting groove encircling the opposite ends of the throttle bore formed in ~~the face of~~ one of two members having faces confronting each other, ~~and is~~

compressing the gaskets compressed when ~~as~~ said two members are assembled ~~as with~~ their respective faces ~~approach~~ approaching each other obliquely with respect to ~~their~~ a confronting direction, thereby to seal ~~the~~ a clearance between said two members, and ~~which is~~

forming the gaskets formed into a generally pentagonal shape having two inclined faces forming a section of an angle shape protruding to the other of said two members and forming a leading end of a round section, and a bottom face of the gaskets for making planar contact with ~~the~~ a groove bottom of said fitting groove, characterized by

said method comprising including additional steps of:

~~the~~ a first step of fitting the ~~gasket body~~ gaskets in said fitting ~~groove~~ grooves of said one member at opposite ends of the throttle bore to encircle the throttle bore;

~~the~~ a second step of, prior to beginning the assembling of said two members, bringing said leading end of said two inclined faces of the gasket body fitted in said fitting groove into contact with only ~~the~~ a close contact face of said other member ~~that makes~~ and making close contact after the assembly with said leading end; and

~~the~~ a third step of assembling said two members having the ~~gasket body~~ gaskets fitted therein, while said leading end of the round section being in sliding contact with said close contact face.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method for assembling a gasket, said method comprising

fitting a gasket in each of two side faces having a throttle bore extending therebetween, which is

fitting each of the gaskets ~~fitted~~ in a respective fitting groove encircling the opposite ends of the throttle bore formed in ~~the face of~~ a throttle body ~~of~~, the throttle body and an intake manifold having faces confronting each other, ~~and is~~

compressing the gaskets ~~compressed when~~ as the throttle body and the intake manifold are assembled ~~as~~ with their respective faces ~~approach~~ approaching each

other obliquely with respect to ~~their~~ a confronting direction, thereby to seal ~~the~~ a clearance between the throttle body and the intake manifold, and ~~which is~~

forming the gaskets ~~formed~~ into a generally pentagonal shape having two inclined faces forming a section of an angle shape protruding ~~to the~~ from a side of the intake manifold and forming a leading end of a round section, and a bottom face ~~for~~ of the gaskets making planar contact with ~~the~~ a groove bottom of said fitting groove, characterized by

said method comprising including additional steps of:

~~the~~ a first step of fitting the ~~gasket body~~ gaskets in said fitting ~~groove~~ grooves of said throttle body at opposite ends of the throttle bore to encircle the throttle bore;

~~the~~ a second step of, prior to beginning the assembling of the throttle body and the intake manifold, bringing said leading end of said two inclined faces of the gasket body fitted in said fitting groove into contact with only ~~the~~ a close contact face of the intake manifold ~~that makes~~ and making close contact after the assembly with said leading end; and

~~the~~ a third step of assembling the throttle body and the intake manifold having the ~~gasket body~~ gaskets fitted therein, while said leading end of the round section being in sliding contact with said close contact face.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The gasket assembling method as set forth in claim 2, ~~characterized in that,~~ wherein at said third step, ~~the~~ a corner portion of the generally pentagonal section, which is one of the end portions of said two inclined faces located on ~~the~~ a downstream side in the direction of the relative movement of the intake manifold, and ~~the~~ a side face between said corner portion and said bottom face ~~make~~ makes close contact with ~~the~~ a confronting groove side wall of the fitting groove.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A gasket fitted in a fitting groove formed in the face of one of two members having confronting faces confronting each other, and compressed when said two members are assembled as their confronting faces approach each other obliquely with respect to their confronting direction, thereby to seal the clearance between said two members, characterized:

in that said gasket is formed into a generally pentagonal shape having two inclined faces forming a section of an angle shape protruding to the other of said two members and forming a leading end of a round section, and a bottom face for making planar contact with the groove bottom of said fitting groove; and

in that, in case said two members are assembled, the corner portion of the generally pentagonal section, which is one of the end portions of said two inclined

faces located on the downstream side in the direction of the relative movement of said other member, and the side face between said corner portion and said bottom face make close contact with the confronting groove side wall of the fitting groove.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): A gasket fitted in a fitting groove formed in the confronting face of a throttle body of the throttle body and an intake manifold having confronting faces confronting each other, and compressed when the throttle body and the intake manifold are assembled as their confronting faces approach each other obliquely with respect to their confronting direction, thereby to seal the clearance between the throttle body and the intake manifold, characterized:

in that said gasket is formed into a generally pentagonal shape having two inclined faces forming a section of an angle shape protruding to the side of the intake manifold and forming a leading end of a round section, and a bottom face for making planar contact with the groove bottom of said fitting groove; and

in that, in case the throttle body and the intake manifold are assembled, the corner portion of the generally pentagonal section, which is one of the end portions of said two inclined faces located on the downstream side in the direction of the relative movement of the intake manifold, and the side face between said corner

portion and said bottom face make close contact with the confronting groove side wall of the fitting groove.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The gasket as set forth in claim 5, characterized: in that, in case the throttle body and the intake manifold are assembled, the gasket body is fitted in said fitting groove, and the assembly of the throttle body and the intake manifold begins with the contact between said leading end of said two inclined faces of the gasket body fitted in said fitting groove and said confronting face of the intake manifold, and then the throttle body and the intake manifold approach each other, while said leading end of said two inclined faces of the gasket body fitted in said fitting groove making sliding contact with only said confronting face of the intake manifold.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The gasket as set forth in claim 5, characterized: in that the shape, as taken from the side of the intake manifold, of the gasket body fitted in said fitting groove is an elliptical shape having a longer axial direction in the assembly direction, in which the throttle body and the intake manifold are assembled.